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TAGS : CDES (SVENSON, CLITHEROE)
SUBJ : DEATH OF CLITHEROE SVENSON AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN

FOR: MR. CHESTER F. SVENSON
809 CARLTON STREET
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
(612) 645-8141 (BUSINESS)
(612) 474-6221 (RESIDENCE)

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF
THE DEATH OF YOUR WIFE CLITHEROE SVENSON AND TWO GRAND-
CHILDREN. DR. ALFRED OPUBOR INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
AT LAGOS, NIGERIA ON MARCH 28 OF THEIR DEATHS DUE TO IN-
JURIES SUFFERED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ON MARCH 24
NEAR BENIN CITY, NIGERIA. YOUR DAUGHTER WAS INJURED
BUT NOT SERIOUSLY. THE FAMILY WAS TRAVELLING BY CAR FROM
LAGOS TO BENIN CITY WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED. WHILE
STOPPING TO GET GAS, MRS. SVENSON DECIDED TO STRETCH HER
LEGS DUE TO THE LONG DRIVE. SHE WAS STANDING BY THE CAR
WITH ONE OF THE GRANDCHILDREN IN HER ARMS WHEN A TAXI
RAN INTO THE PARKED CAR. MRS. SVENSON AND OGOH DIED
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INSTANTLY WHILE YOUR GRANDSON DIED AFTER ADMISSION
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BENIN TEACHING HOSPITAL.

2. YOUR WIFE AND GRANDCHILDREN HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED
BY YOUR DAUGHTER AND DR. OPUBOR.

3. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF MRS.

SVENSONS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR WIFES REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO PREPERATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO ST. PAUL WOULD COST DOLS3000 CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF ASHES TO U.S. WOULD COST DOLS900. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS DOLS2200. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE

FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY LAGOS, NIGERIA AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

B. TELEGRAPH FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520 FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICAN EMBASSY, LAGOS, NIGERIA. SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 202-632-3529.

C. IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
LAGOS, NIGERIA
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